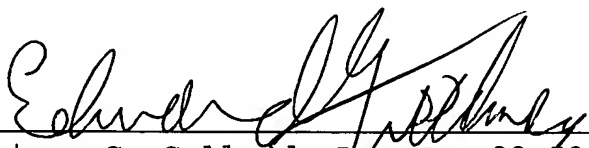


REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the application has been amended to conform with U.S. practice, the cross-reference to related applications has been inserted on page 1, claims 1-21 have been canceled and claims 22-41 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

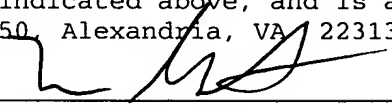
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